

## House Resolution No. 3557

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives were truly saddened by the death of native Missourian Robert William "Dabbs" Greer on April 28, 2007, at the age of ninety; and

**Whereas**, born on April 2, 1917, Robert Greer was the son of Randall and Bernice Greer of Fairview, Missouri, who moved their family to Anderson, Missouri, when their son was an infant; and

**Whereas**, Dabbs grew up enjoying such typical pleasures as fishing and having adventures in his rural hometown where his father operated a drug store and his mother was a speech therapist; and

**Whereas**, Dabbs' first acting experience took place on the stage of a children's theater production when he was eight years old; and

**Whereas**, Dabbs graduated from Anderson High School and then from what is now known as Drury University in nearby Springfield; and

**Whereas**, after serving as an extra in the 1938 "Jesse James" movie filmed in Pineville, Dabbs got a job as a teacher who served as the head of the drama department at Mountain Grove High School from 1940 to 1943; and

**Whereas**, after teaching at Mountain Grove, Dabbs left for Pasadena, California, and took a job with the community playhouse for seven years before landing a series of roles in such films as "Father's Little Dividend" with Spencer Tracy and Elizabeth Taylor, "Monkey Business" with Gary Grant, "Invasion of the Body Snatchers", "Con Air", and Steven King's "The Green Mile", for which he portrayed the elderly Paul Edgecomb; and

**Whereas**, Dabbs also appeared on television as the minister who married Mike and Carol Brady in "The Brady Bunch" pilot episode and as the Reverend Alden in "Little House on the Prairie" and in such shows as "Gunsmoke", "Gomer Pyle USMC", "How to Marry a Millionaire", and "Picket Fences":

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to memorialize the life and work of the late Robert "Dabbs" Greer and to convey this legislative body's most heartfelt condolences to his family members, friends, and colleagues who now miss his considerable strength, warmth, and light in their daily lives:

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in memory of Robert William "Dabbs" Greer of Anderson, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Kevin Wilson  
District No. 130

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Representative Marilyn Ruestman  
District No. 131

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do  
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House  
Resolution No. 3557, adopted May 10, 2007.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker